

## **REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected 5 and 10-11 under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite but has indicated that the subject matter is allowable. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 6-7 and 14-16 under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Lyon. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 12 and 13 are allowed and that Claims 2-4, 8, 9, 17 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten to in independent format including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, Applicants amend Claims 5 and 9 to appropriately depend from claims that provide the needed antecedent basis for the claim language. No new matter is added by the amendments. Applicants also provide amendments to place Claims 2, 3 and 8 into independent form. Applicants believe that the amendments place all remaining claims (Claims 2-5 and 8-13) in condition for allowance.

Applicants herein cancel Claims 1, 6-7 and 14-18 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable

subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Entry of the amendments and allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

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